regarding new power policy of the Government of India raised certain issues on the policy. All the issues raised in the letter including that of BHEL have been clarified by the Government of India in their publication "The Legal and Policy Framework of Private Power Development—Facts and Clarifications" which was widely circulated.

Shut downs of Unit IV of NTPC Farakka

2145. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of shut downs and duration of shut downs of Unit IV of NTPC at Farakka;

(b) what has been the financial loss on account of the failure of the unit, specially the boiler, including the delay in commissioning; and

(c) whether the agency responsible for the failure has been identified, if so, what action are being taken against the erring agencies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) During the course of operation of Unit IV of Farakka Super Thermal Power Project of the National Power Corporation (NTPC) between synchronazation on 25th September, 1992 and collapse of Pass 'D' Electrostatic Precipitator (ESP) on 15th January, 1994 (since when the Unit is under shut down), a number of technical problems such as vibration in turbine and temperature excursion in the Superheater of boiler were encountered, which necessitated running of the unit at different loads and different conditions. As a result, this unit was out of bar 87 times for duration varying from 19 minutes to over four months during the period, from 25th September, 1992 to 15th January, 1994.

(b) The commercial aspects of rectification of the damages is yet to be settled with the contractor. Further, since the unit had not come upto the stage of conducting trial operation and subsequent commercial generation, the financial loss cannot be estimated.

(c) No, Sir. An Enquiry Committee has been set up to ascertain the cause of failure.

Hydro-Electric Power Projects in Orissa

2146. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the proposal to set up some hydro-electric power projects in the Mahanadi basin in Orissa; and

(b) if so, the number of hydro-electric power project proposed to be set up near Chiplima in Western Orissa, together-with the capacities thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) The Bargarh Canal Hydroelectric Projects (3×3MW) in the Mahanadi basin in Orissa was cleared by Central Electricity Authority in December, 1992 and the project is understood to have been sanctioned by the State Government in January, 1993.

(b) The State Government has submitted schemes for additional power generation at Hiraqud (408 MW) and at Sindol (320 MW) for techno-economic clearance of CEA/CWC.

Pending Claim of Himachal Pradesh

2147. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that claim of Himachal Pradesh Govt. for payment of Rs. 1000 crore is still pending;

(b) whether it is also a fact that a sum of Rs. 100 crore is also due from State Governments of Punjab, Haryana and Utter Pradesh;

(c) if so, the reasons for which these payments have been held up; and

(d) whether the Central Government propose to intervene and sort out the payment due to Himachal Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI P. V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) to (d) The Government of Himachal Pradesh has claimed certain amounts on account of power generated by the hydel projects at Bhakra Nangal, Baira Suil and Beas and enhancement of shares from the Bhakra Nangal and Beas projects. Government of India has already allowed 12% free power to Himachal Pradesh from the Baira Siul HE Project of NHPC. As regards enhancement of share and entitlement to free power from Bhakra Nangal and Beas Projects, the Government of India's stand is that these issues are to be resolved by the concerned States themselves since these are not Central sector projects. Similarly, with respect to the amounts claimed by Himachal Pradesh from Punjab, Haryana and UP, the position of Government of India is that these are bilateral issues to be shorted out among the States since these claims pertain primarily to sale of electricity by Himachal Pradesh to these States.

Complaints Regarding Gandhar Power Project

2148. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaint from General Electric, the